

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 639 - HB 1461**

March 26, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD) to develop partnerships with technology companies, nonprofit organizations, and other public and private community partners to establish programs and seek grants to provide low-cost or free technology training, computers, and job placement services to single parents with minor children.

Establishes that, subject to appropriation and to the extent authorized by federal law, it is the intent of the General Assembly that any federal funding provided to the state through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program be used to fund the provisions of this legislation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$680,500/FY21-22  
\$387,900/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

**Other Fiscal Impact – It is unknown the extent, timing, and applicability of TANF funds that may be available for this purpose.**

**Assumptions:**

- To accomplish the provisions of this legislation, the DLWD will require one grants program manager, one grants analyst-3, and three employment program specialists.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$355,906 (salaries \$265,908 + benefits \$77,898 + communications \$10,000 + supplies \$2,100) and a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$11,800 (computers \$11,500 + communication \$300).
- Based on information provided by the DLWD, the Department would pursue a new module with Jobs4TN, resulting in a one-time initial cost of \$312,840 for the initial change request and \$32,000 for each subsequent year.
- An increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 of \$680,546 (\$355,906 + \$11,800 + \$312,840).
- An increase in state expenditures in FY22-23 of \$387,906 (\$355,906 + \$32,000).
- This legislation states intent for TANF funds to be used for this new program, subject to appropriation and to the extent authorized by federal law.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Human Services, the Department would have to develop procedures in order for TANF funding to meet certain legal

requirements; further, additional legislation may be required in order to ensure that TANF funds are available for the purposes of this legislation. It is therefore, unknown if such funds will be available for the purposes of this legislation.

## **IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Based on multiple unknown factors, any impact to commerce or jobs in this state is unknown.**

Assumption:

- Based on multiple unknown factors, including, but not limited to the amount of grants that may be received by private entities, the number of single parent households that utilize this new program, and the availability at which funds will be available for this program, an impact on commerce or jobs in this state cannot be readily determined.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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